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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention relates to methods of and systems for providing position information representing the current position of a portable communications device such as a mobile or portable telephone for the person carrying [[other]] another portable telephone or [[like]] a similar communications terminal device.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION~~ DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Portable telephones are already known which have a position measuring function such as the function of the GPS (Global Positioning System) which is in actual use in car navigation systems. Services are available in recent years for providing such position information representing the current position of a portable telephone for the person carrying ~~[[other]]~~ another portable telephone.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The portable telephone E has a GPS position measuring function. The telephone E receives GPS position data transmitted from a GPS satellite 4 and prepares position information comprising the latitude and longitude of ~~[[the]]~~ its own position ~~of its own~~ based on the received position data. The position data prepared is supplied via the base station to the service center 6, where the position information is stored in a database 60 along with information for identifying the telephone E.

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Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 (line 13, page 2 through line 1, page 3), with the following rewritten paragraph:

When an information request signal requesting to provide information about the position of the telephone E is fed from the telephone F to the service center 6 via the base station, the service center 6 checks whether the password contained in the request signal ~~is in match with~~ matches the password of the telephone E. If a match is found, the position information as to the telephone E is supplied from the service center 6 to the telephone F via the base station. In this way, the person carrying the telephone F can recognize the current position of the person carrying the telephone E only when the former knows the password of the telephone E.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The portable telephone G, which has a GPS position measuring function, receives GPS position data from the GPS satellite 4 and prepares position information comprising the latitude and longitude of ~~[[the]]~~ its own position ~~of its own~~ based on the position data received. The position information prepared is stored in a memory incorporated in the telephone G.

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Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 (line 13, page 3 through line 4, page 4), with the following rewritten paragraph:

When an information request signal requesting to provide information about the position of the telephone G is fed from the telephone H to the service center 7 via the base station, the service center 7 supplies a signal demanding transmission of the position information to the telephone G. The telephone G checks whether the password contained in the transmission demand signal ~~is in match with~~ matches the password of its own. If a match is found, the position information as to the telephone G is supplied from the telephone G to the telephone H via the base station and the service center 7. In this way, the person carrying the telephone H can recognize the current position of the person carrying the telephone G only when the former knows the password of the telephone G.